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SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT B

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SIR:

Please add the following new claim:

176. (new) Apparatus for the parallel processing of reaction
mixtures, comprising

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a reactor block having a series of wells therein extending
down from an upper surface of the block,

5 an upper plate removably secured to said reactor block over
said upper surface thereof, said upper plate having openings
therein in registry with the wells in the reactor block,

removable liners in the wells for containing said reaction
mixtures,

10 stirring mechanisms attached to said upper plate and
removable with the upper plate for stirring said reaction